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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 September 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 May 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. This action is responsive to original application filed on May 10, 2001.
2. Claims 1-20 have been considered. Claims 1, 9, and 17 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Microsoft Word ® 2000 (“Word”), *Microsoft Corporation*, Copyright © 1983-1999.

5. Examiner Note: The following relevant sections of the Microsoft Word ® 2000 Help manual are submitted to applicant: *About places to save Web pages* pgs. 1-14 (hereinafter “Section I”), *About templates* pgs.1-6 (hereinafter “Section II”), *About formatting text using styles* pgs. 5-7 (hereinafter “Section III”).

Screenshots from Word are also submitted to applicant in Figures 1-21.

Independent Claim 1 and Dependent Claim 8

Word teaches a method and computer-readable medium for *creating a web page in the environment of a word processing module* (see generally Section I and Section II - *Creating Web pages with Web templates*, pg. 1) comprising the steps of:

selecting a template (see Section II, pg. 2 - *Locating templates*; see also Figs. 1, 2, and 3) *within the word processing software module, the template operable for storing styles* (see Section II - *Overview of templates*, pg. 1 → A template determines the basic structure for a document and stores document settings such as AutoText entries, fonts, key assignments, macros, menus, page layout, special formatting, **and styles**; see also Figs. 4 and 5);

associating the template with a style group; transferring the styles of the template to the style group; (see Fig. 5 and 6; Section III, pgs. 2, 3, and 5 → In the **Styles** box, click on the style you want to apply. If the style you want is not listed, select another group of styles in the **List** box. Or you can preview and apply different styles by using the **Style Gallery**), *the style group operable for storing styles that provide a format for creating the web page* (see generally Section III - *What is a style?*, pg. 1); and

storing the style group for subsequent use in creating the web page (see Figs. 7 and 8 → “Save As” a Document Template).

Claim 2

Word further teaches *accessing a markup language module* (see Fig. 9 and 10 → i.e. Web Pages); *naming the style group within the markup language software module* (see Figs. 13-16 → renaming the style group from ZZZZZ to AAAAA); *and locating the template associated*

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with the style group from within the markup language software module (see Figures 12 and 13 → locate the saved ZZZZZ_template by selecting “Organizer”).

Claim 3

Word further teaches *selecting the styles from the template* (see Figures 13, 16 and 17); *defining attributes for the selected styles...web pages* (see Figure 6 → user can define various attributes such as “style type, based on, and style for following paragraph,” etc.); *and importing the selected styles into the markup language software module* (see Figs. 16-18 → the selected styles are imported to the markup language software module by selecting the “copy” button).

Claim 4

Word further teaches *defining instructions for the style group, the instructions operable for providing information about the web page* (see Figs. 12 and 13 → i.e. Header, Footer, E-mail Signature, Envelope Address, Document Map, etc.).

Claim 5

Word further teaches *customizing a file header* (see Figs. 6, 7, 12, 13, 16-18 → i.e. Headers and Headings).

Claim 6

Word further teaches *customizing the body of the web page* (see Figs. 12 and 13 → i.e. Default Paragraph Font, E-mail Signature, Hyperlink, etc.).

Claim 7

Word further teaches *referencing macros with the style group* (see Figs. 19 and 20).

Independent Claim 9

Independent Claim 9, *a method for creating a markup language document with a word processing software module...storing the second template*, incorporates substantially similar subject matter as independent claim 1, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim 10

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claim 2, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim 11

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claim 3, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim 12

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claim 4, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim 13

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claim 5, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim 14

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claim 6, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim 15

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claim 7, and is rejected along the same rationale.

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Claim 16

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claim 8, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Independent Claim 17

With respect to independent claim 17, refer to the rationale relied upon to reject independent claims 1 and 9. Furthermore, Word teaches a computer-implemented system for creating markup language documents comprising: *a server computer and a client coupled to the server computer* (see Fig. 21 → about using your setting on another computer via a server).

Claim 18

Word further teaches the use of *style groups to store format information for the markup language documents* (see Figs. 5, 6, 12, 16, and 17 → i.e. paragraphs, headers, etc.).

Claim 19

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claims 5 and 13, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Claim 20

Claim incorporates substantially similar subject matter as claims 7 and 15, and is rejected along the same rationale.

Conclusion


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Nguyen-Ba whose telephone number is (703) 305-8776.

The examiner can normally be reached from 10 am - 6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on (703) 305-9792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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